1 2 3 4 5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT TACOMA 7 RICHARD H. WARREN, 8 Plaintiff, 9 10 v. No. C10-5239 RBL/KLS 11 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR MCNEIL ISLAND CORRECTION DISCOVERY 12 CENTER, STATE OF WASHINGTON, MCNEIL ISLAND CORRECTION 13 CENTER HEALTH SERVICE UNIT, 14 DR. FRANK LONGANO, LINDA BODINE, KENNETH TAYLOR, RON 15 VAN BOENING, ELDON VAIL, ROB MCKENNA, NANCY ARMSTRONG, 16 and JAMES ANDERSON, 17 Defendants. 18 Before the court is Plaintiff's motion for discovery and disclosure. ECF No. 38. 19 Plaintiff is advised that his case is exempt from the rules requiring initial disclosures. See, Fed. 20 21 R. Civ. P. 26 (a)(1)(B)(iv). Further, Plaintiff has not sent any discovery requests to Defendants. 22 ECF No. 43. The Pretrial Scheduling Order states that all discovery in this matter should be 23 completed by February 25, 2011. ECF No. 28. 24 Plaintiff is directed to Rules 26 through 37 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, which 25 govern the scope and limits of discovery. The discovery rules provide each party with time 26 ORDER - 1

limits for responding to discovery requests and require that before a motion seeking an order compelling discovery may be filed with the Court, the parties must confer in good faith in an attempt to resolve their differences. Fed. R. Civ. P. 37(a)(2)(B).

Plaintiff must first serve the opposing parties with his discovery requests and allow thirty days for the parties to fail to respond to his discovery requests. Should the party not timely comply with the request, the Plaintiff must, prior to filing a motion to compel, meet and confer with Defendants or counsel for Defendants in an attempt to resolve any discovery issues as required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 37(a)(2)(B). Then, when Plaintiff files his motion to compel, he must include a certification with the motion that he has met and conferred in an attempt to resolve all discovery disputes.

Accordingly, Plaintiff's motion for discovery (ECF No. 38) is **DENIED.** The Clerk shall send copies of this Order to Plaintiff and to counsel for Defendants.

DATED this 13th day of January, 2011.

Karen L. Strombom

United States Magistrate Judge